

The Valley & East Coast Voice

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'Lest we forget'

AT THE FRONT

by Slouch Hat

This year's ANZAC day was very successful and the RSL Sub Branch was pleased that we had an even bigger turnout than last year.

Thank you to Cr David Clement and Cr Robert Legge for their speeches, that captured the ANZAC spirit and to the minister who also gave valuable input, and to all those who laid a wreath.

The RSL would like to recognise the following people whose time and effort made the service achievable: Don Ives, Allan James,

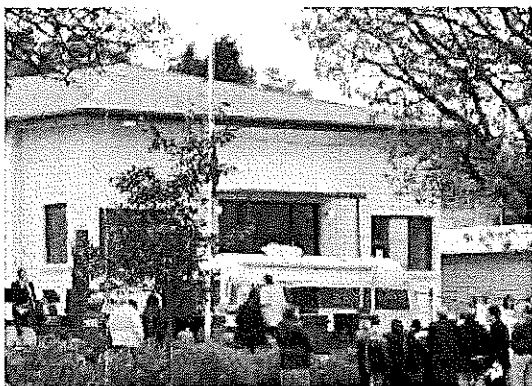
The Woodcraft Guild,

Rod and Anthony of the e.ScApe Gallery and Wendy Johns.

A special thank you to Shannon Rosskelly who read out his winning essay and who captivated everyone with the sheer honesty of his words. Unfortunately Chloe Singline was unable to attend so her winning essay was not read.

Tom Hunt's painting hung in the e.ScApe Café. It attracted more than a few viewings as the Gun Fire Breakfast and lunch got underway.

The ANZAC Day address by Cr David Clement can be found inside.



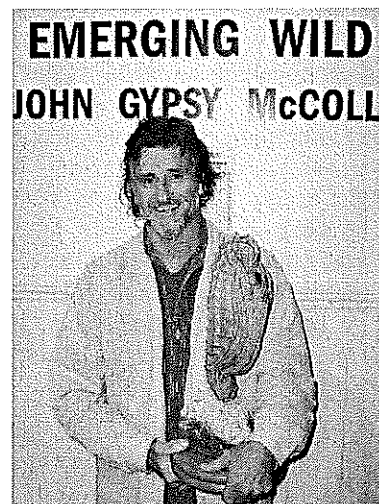
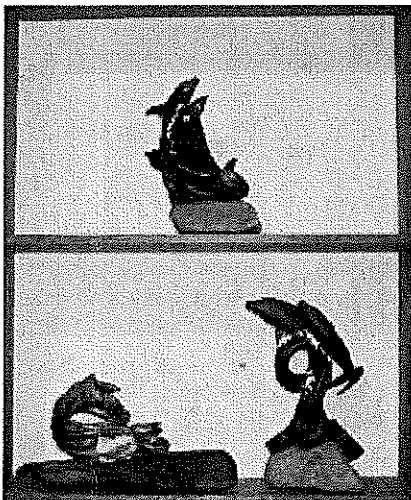
e.ScApe Tasmanian Wilderness Café/Gallery is currently hosting the first Tasmanian exhibition of the latest artworks by sculptor **John McColl**. McColl's exhibition, 'Emerging Wild', which opened at e.ScApe Gallery Good Friday is a showcase of his current musings using clay, rock and Tasmanian timber and continues to the 15th May.

John's work has sold extensively throughout Australia. John was first attracted to Tasmania through the 'One Tree' project which highlighted to him the 'phenomenal timbers and vibrant artistic culture' of Tasmania. John is now firmly influenced by 'the wilds' of Tasmania having moved here three years ago with his family.

John and his family have settled in St Marys and have expressed how welcomed they have felt in the community. 'The Lions Club tidied up our property before we had arrived which we were very thankful for, the children have been making the most of the fantastic available sport and recreation facilities and the arts community have welcomed us wholeheartedly.'

John has now taken on the role of Grassy Bottom Regional Arts president, bringing new fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the position.

Several successful solo exhibitions, public artworks and many significant private commissions distinguish John's 25-year career as a sculptor. He is renown in Victoria for his monolithic wood sculptures, which grace Apollo Bay's foreshore on the Great Ocean Road. John said, 'it was great to receive so much support at the opening of 'Emerging Wild', it drives you as an artist, when others enjoy and obtain the sculptures you create.'



Community news

St Marys Hospital Auxiliary meets the first Monday of every month at 2pm at the **St Marys Community Health Centre**.

Please note: During winter the meetings will be bi-monthly, missing June and August meetings.

The Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild Inc. meets every 4th Saturday at 4pm at the goods shed behind the St Marys Railway Station.

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts are holding General meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at the **e.ScApe Café** at 6.30pm. Come along to share your creative ideas and help Grassy Bottom maintain an artistic culture in our community.

The next meeting of **SMACD** will be held on Friday, April 28, at 5pm at the St Marys Online Access Centre.

WIN a sweet little quilt for Mother's Day at Gone Rustic Quilt Studio & Gallery! To go in the draw, purchase item/s valued at \$10 or more from now until 4 pm on Friday, 12th May – you need to be there to win! Drop in to see the prize and do your Mother's Day shopping Tuesday-Friday, 11-4, or ring Rita on 6372 2724 (BH) for details. **Gift vouchers** also available for that special Mum!

NEED A BREAK from the kids/telephone/housework? Come to a two-day quilt workshop with Selina from **Picture Patchwork!** Learn how to make a quilt top from 6 fat quarters (quarter-metre pieces of fabric). Workshop will be held on 18th and 19th May, 2006. There are only a few places left, so register your expression of interest soon by ringing **Gone Rustic Quilt Studio & Gallery** on 6372 2724, Tuesday-Friday, 11-4.

TODAY - Fabrics, buttons, gifts and lots of goodies for your craft and special occasion needs from **Annie's Mobile Shop** at **Gone Rustic Quilt Gallery and Studio** from 10 am – 2 pm. Call in to 37 Main Street, St. Marys or call Rita on 6372 2724 or 0409 289 997.

Please note: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: 5 pm **Tuesday, May 9, 2006.**

THANK YOU

John Gypsy McColl and his family would like to thank the following people for making the Opening Night of 'Emerging Wild', a wild success.

Anthony and Rod at eScApe Gallery Café for offering such an excellent art venue, Robyn and Tree OhMarris, Tracy O'Neil, Eo Greensticks, Michael Brown, The Grassy Bottom Singers, The Bohemian Bards, Soliliquy, Grassy Bottom Regional Arts, Rion and the St Marys Woodcraft Guild, and all those who attended, especially those who have wisely invested in a John Gypsy McColl sculpture.

The exhibition runs until May 15, so if you haven't yet had a look, treat yourself to an eScApe Coffee (excellent) or some delicious food, and enjoy a sculptural journey through the Tasmanian Wilderness.

The McColl Family.



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Taiko Drum Making weekend Sat/ Sun 20&21 May 10am – 4pm at Falmouth Community Hall. \$150 per person for the weekend. All materials are supplied but you may need some tools. The drum you make at the workshop will be yours! Limited to 20 spaces.

Performance Techniques for Taiko Drumming Mon 22 May 4pm – 6pm at St Marys District High School. Cost \$10

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Mon, Tues, Wed, 5, 6, 7, June 10.30am – 4pm St Marys Town Hall.

Fire Dance Thurs 15 June Plo session 11am – 12.30pm

Fire Staff session 1.30pm – 3pm

Double Fire Staff session 3.15pm 4.45pm

1 session: \$15 / 2 sessions: \$25 / 3 sessions: \$30

Venue to be advised

Malia Walsh has been performing with fire for over seven years and her experience includes choreographing a show for the Sydney Olympics.

Songwriting, Drums and Percussion

Thurs 15 June. These sessions are to be presented by Nicky Bomba

Songwriting for students 11am – 12.30pm \$15.

Drums and Percussion 1.30pm – 3.30pm \$20

Songwriting for adults 6pm – 8pm \$20

Topeng: Balinese Mask Dance and Performance

Topeng is a Balinese form of dance drama in which dancers wear masks and perform stories concerning semi-mythical characters. Carmencita Palermo will be offering a comprehensive workshop in this art form. She is currently studying a PhD in Indonesian Studies and is an expert in Balinese masked dance. Don't miss this unique opportunity.

Fri 5 May 7pm – 9pm Sat 6 May 10am – 4pm

Participants must attend both these sessions. Venue to be advised. \$50/ \$40 concession. Includes both sessions.

Classifieds

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CORNWALL COALMINERS HERITAGE WALL

The second and final set of plaques to complete the pioneering stage of the Coalminers Heritage Wall at Cornwall is in the final stages of research and will be sent to the foundry at the end of May. This is your last chance to have a family member or friend included that you think is not on the wall.

For more information ring:

Jim Haas on 6372 2127

NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY.

Wombat Walk Weeders

are to host

National Tree Planting day

again this year.

It is to be held on Sunday 30th July, 2006 if fine, meeting at 10.00 am, at Wombat Walk.

Should you be planning on coming then please bring with you a hat, gardening gloves, sun screen and bottle of drinking water.

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See you there.

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A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE:

by Jim Haas.

I often wonder if Scottish born, son of a carpenter, James Watt, who was reported to have grown up suffering chronic migraines, which kept him confined to his room for long periods, causing him to grow up fragile and as one historian reported "with almost female delicacy", would have ever imagined that his simple observation of watching the power of steam lift the lid of a kettle, would start a revelation that would change the world for ever.

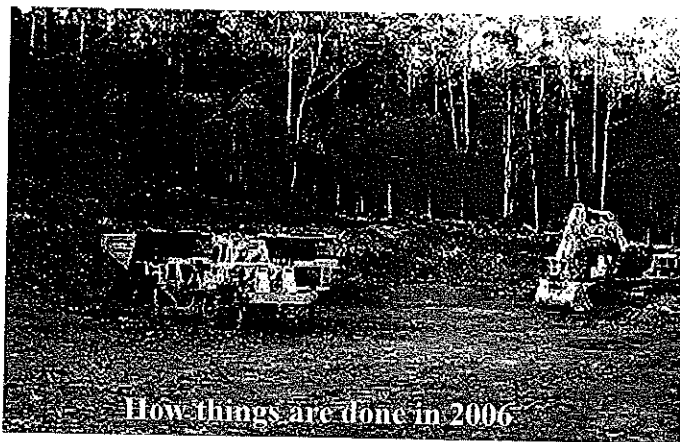
Watt, in partnership with well known British Industrialist, Matthew Boulton, built the first workable engine which was driven by steam produced by coal, and ironically was used to pump water out of a coal mine near Newcastle in England.

The advances in technology from that humble invention in 1776 is phenomenal and I'm sure the minds of Watt and his Seventeenth Century counterparts would have in no way grasped the transpiration the next two hundred years or so would bring.

The power of steam was also a huge boost to the coal industry. Although it had been a slow growing industry since late in the fifteenth Century for domestic use in England, there was now a new and more dynamic use for coal and with this new mechanical means of pumping the mines dry, shafts could now be sunk deeper into bigger and better quality seams.

1830 saw the world's first major steam powered locomotive railway opened between Liverpool and Manchester in England. Thousands of people turned out to see the "Iron horse" speed past pulling carriages loaded with most of the English monarchs and dignitaries. But little did they know that this was the beginning of what was known as the railway frenzy, when within only a few years, the railway concept spread throughout the world.

In our little part of the world it was the railway coming to



How things are done in 2006

St. Marys in 1886 that saw the beginnings of our coal industry and it too has seen advances beyond belief in its one hundred and twenty year history.

The first photo, above right, shows two strong, brave miners full of guts and determination armed with a few rather primitive tools and perhaps a few sticks of dynamite, carving their way through sheer rock to find that seam of black gold that would be the beginning of an industry.

The second photo shows how it's done in 2006. A forty ton excavator, a D9 dozer and two huge dump trucks work to open up the new number four coal seam at Blackwood Colliery.

Likewise the extraction of coal has seen dramatic changes. In photo number three we can see a pair of contract miners winning their ton of coal with a pick and shovel as our ancestors did for Centuries. A pair of miners in good condition would average about twenty ton of coal per shift.



Bass Blair - Leo "Speed" Freeman

Photo number four shows a continuous miner which is typical of the machinery used in coalmining today. A machine such as this is capable of producing a thousand ton of coal per shift.



The continuous miner

I don't believe James Watt in the 1770s knew what his creation would lead to and we can only wonder if the Watts' of today know any more than he did.



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ST MARYS ANZAC DAY ADDRESS 2006

by DAVID CLEMENT

The caption contains a wider message than just service at the front line, a recognition of the service rendered by all involved in standing up for what they believe, and offering themselves to protect their families, their communities and their country, and to maintain their values and way of life.

However, service in times of war can exact a high price, and the highest price is that of life itself. The way of life that we enjoy today is to the highest degree due to the service of those who served in armed conflict, and gave their lives in so doing.

We, the after comers who enjoy the heritage earned by the service of our forebears, acknowledge this ultimate sacrifice in our individual memories, in physical memorials, in services such as today, in our art, music, literature, in so many ways we fulfil the promise, "We Will Remember Them".

"We Will Remember Them" is a promise demanded by their death, starkly expressed in the poem 'In Flanders Fields':

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields*

And for Flanders Fields read Gallipoli, Normandy, Tobruk, Vietnam, Iraq, and all the other killing fields of our heritage. And the poem makes the demand for remembrance on their behalf.

*To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.*

In remembering those who died, we should be aware that they, unlike us, did not know whether their death was worth it. I believe that the most poignant line ever written was that on behalf of those who died in battle:

How went the day? We died before it ended.

However, armed conflict imposes prices other than death.

There are the non-fatal physical consequences, extending to non-combatants by bombing, landmines and the like, described by such terrible words as "maimed", "crippled" and "mutilated", and so emotionally recognised in Eric Bogle's anthem, "And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda".

There are the mental impacts, the traumas suffered by those placed into situations and experiences which human beings should not experience, labelled 'shellshock' in World War 1.

There is the psychological and associated damage suffered by Vietnam Veterans.

And, in conflicts lasting many years, there is the loss of their youth, and so many of those who have left our shores to serve in conflicts were so very young, the distortion of the paths their lives would otherwise have followed, and their removal from their families, friends and communities during these lost years.

Those who went away to war were a stolen generation, they were stolen from their

loved ones and from their communities. In many cases they did not return, and many who did return were irrevocably changed and altered.

This was particularly so in the 1st World War, when a whole village of young men might volunteer together, or a whole cricket team or football club, and join the same company or regiment. One hour at Gallipoli or in Flanders Fields could, and did, wipe out a whole generation of young men from the same community - truly a generation stolen from their community.

And there were those who were left behind by this stolen generation, the mothers, fathers, children, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles, grandparents, the teachers who had taught them, and all the others who were part of the web of their life.

I was born in Jersey, one of the Channel Islands. In June 1940, the Islands were invaded by the Luftwaffe and the Wehrmacht, and came under German occupation. On the direct order of Adolf Hitler, the 2000 British subjects on the islands who were not indigenous inhabitants of Norman descent were transported to concentration camps in Germany. I was 12 months old at the time, and did not see my parents until I was 5.

I regard myself as being of a stolen generation, one of the many generations of children who throughout the ages have had their parents, particularly their fathers, taken from them by war. Wives have had their husbands stolen from them, parents have lost their sons and daughters.

Their loneliness, their grief and worry is service also, service of a different nature from that of their loved ones in the front line, but service and sacrifice nonetheless.

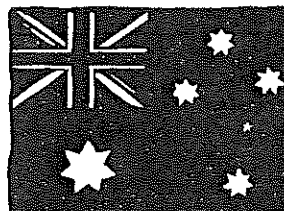
And this service has been asked in all conflicts throughout the ages, and by all countries, on whichever side, Turk or Anzac, Japanese or Australian, German or Italian. Everybody is touched by war.

In the poem "On his Blindness", John Milton wrote:

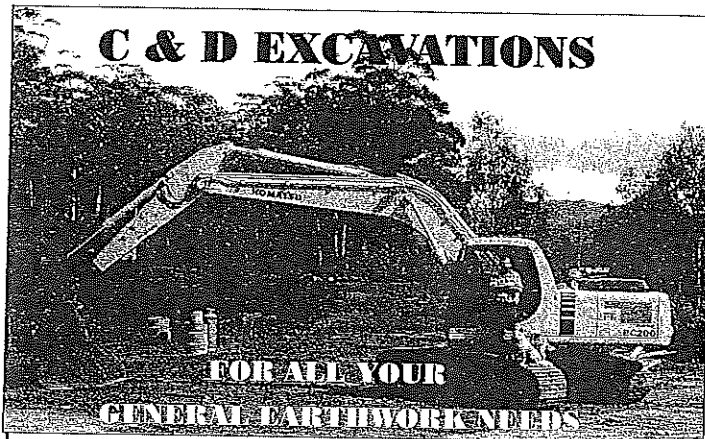
*"Thousands at his bidding speed and post
O'er land and ocean without rest:
They also serve who only stand and wait".*

So, on this Anzac Day, when we meet together in memory of those who served in war, to remember who they were and what they did, and to offer our gratitude, our respect and our love for their service and the price they paid, remember also those who served who only stood and waited.

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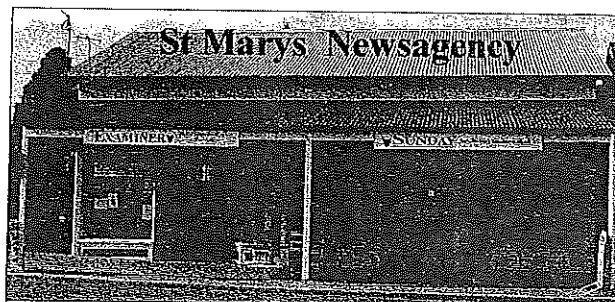


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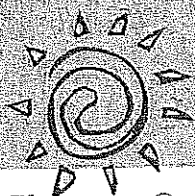
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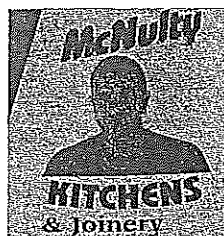
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<i>What</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time/s</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Who</i>
Classic Car Show (Targa)	Thursday 27/4/06	10am – 2pm	Faulkner's Green St Marys	SMACD
Makers & Growers Market	Saturday 6/5/06	9am - noon	St Marys Town Hall	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
"Exotica" Quilt Exhibition	2 – 26 th May '06	11am – 4pm	Gone Rustic Gallery	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Makers & Growers Market	Saturday 3/6/06	9am - noon	St Marys Town Hall	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Winter Solstice	Saturday 17/6/06	4pm – 8pm	St Marys Recreation Ground	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
"The Knitting Room" Exhibition	3 – 30 th August	11am – 4pm	Gone Rustic Gallery	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
"Quilt the Blues" Exhibition	5 th – 28 th Sept.	11am – 4pm	Gone Rustic Gallery	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Maypole Festival	Saturday 4/11/06	10am - onwards	Faulkner's Green	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Lions Christmas Parade	Sunday 24/12/06	TBA	Main St St Marys	Lions Club, St Marys
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Fri 5th	Hannah Rubenach	Julie-Ann Claridge
Mon 8th	Audrey Wright	Sharon Hall
Tues 9th	Dawn Lodge	Debbie Speers (N)
Wed 10th	Pauline Berwick	Alana Johns
Thurs 11th	Liz Rice	Rhonda Hoskinson
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Fingal 11.30am
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Fingal 9.30am

3rd Week: MASS

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm
St Marys 9.00am
Swansea 11.30am
Campbell Town 5.00pm
Bicheno LITURGY 9.00am

4th Week: LITURGY

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm
St Marys 9.00am
Bicheno 9.00am
Fingal 9.30am

5th Week: MASS

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St Marys 11.00am
Ross 5.00pm

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St Marys Soccer Day

Saturday 24th June 10am
St Helens Soccer Day

Saturday 29th July 11am
St Marys Soccer Day

Saturday 26th August 10am
St Helens Soccer Day

The say by Cagerattler

It's been a while since I've written a "Pie in the sky" article, so please forgive me here.

Every time I take my dogs down the embankment that used to seat our railway line until it closed in about 1983, I think of the possibilities that may have been, if the actual rail had been left behind. Likewise if those bridges and rail culverts had remained for a fair while afterwards.

Can you imagine the possibilities that a tourist rail line through the Fingal valley may have had?

I bring this up because not all that long ago a chap involved in tourism, mooted a rail trip around Tasmania as a big winner, using existing lines.

Of course in our case this is now not possible because of the huge cost of building all that infrastructure again. It seems it's hard enough to maintain the freight lines already in existence, going by what the current stakeholders have to say, without brand new construction. Maybe though at least Fingal is a possibility if ever tourism rail takes hold, here in Tasmania.

I've always felt that our roads would have been much better without the many years of truck haulage that went on after our section of rail closed decades ago. I wonder though, what might have happened with visionary and patient owners, and a bit of courage to keep the line in existence, to current times.

Maybe a marriage of freight and tourist rail could have seen our line become an integrated part of valley transport. Who knows.



This is not an outright criticism of our local newspaper monthly supplement, but just a request and suggestion.

It would be great to read a tiny bit more of the activities in the Fingal Valley more often than appears now. Most issues are dominated by coastal stories it seems. To a large degree this is understandable given the population base, but as anyone from the supplement would take in, there is a lot happening in the valley too.

I'd strongly suggest that stories are sought more often from the inland portion of the area this paper covers. Otherwise it is a good and worthwhile publication once per month, and an enjoyable read.

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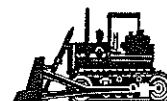
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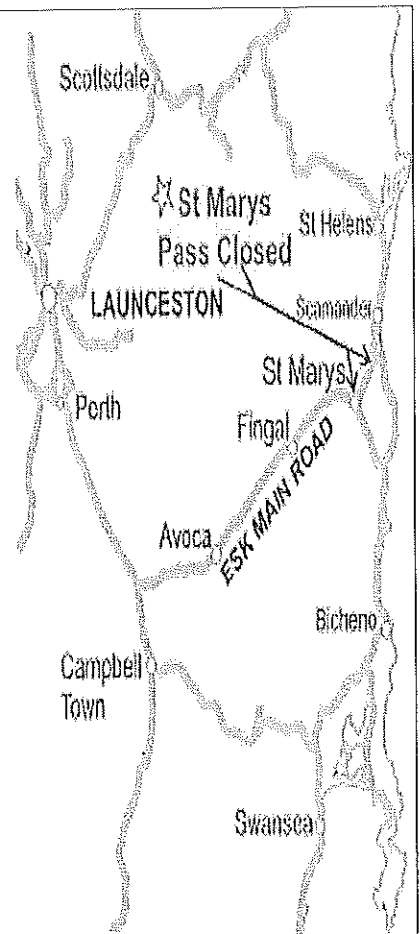
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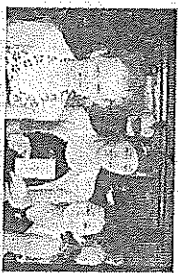
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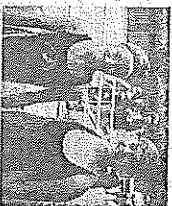
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North vs. South of the Mountain Swimming Carnival at Scottsdale



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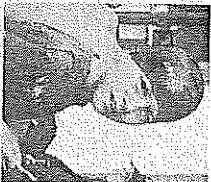
Grace Ennis
Emily Miles
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Vaughan Spitzbury



Billy Harris
Sean Harris



Blake Polden

On Wednesday 29th March the Miners Swimming Team travelled all the way to Scottsdale to compete against the North East representatives at the swimming carnival. The weather was cold at first but the sun came out in the end. We all ended up going in more events than we hoped for because we didn't know we could have 3 in each division. The caps smelled of dead mice because they were new.

We watched the Herbie Fully Loaded DVD on the way up and Cheaper by the Dozen DVD on the way back.

Blake forgot to touch the wall with two hands and lost his third place. We had lots of false starts because there were no grips on the diving boards. The pool was warm. The deep end was 3.1m and the shallow end was 1.9m. They had a beeper to start. The pool had seven lanes but we used only six.

They ran a canteen with yummy food. None of it was healthy. Miss Coleman gave us Favourites on the bus. We were awesome on the bus.

By Grace Ennis, Emily Miles, Katie Singline,
Sean Harris and Blake Polden.



Katie Singline



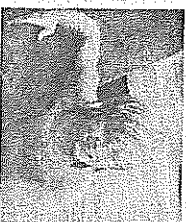
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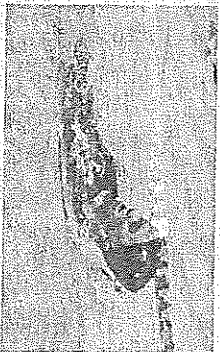
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Finn Buchhorn



Shari Donald

Inter-high Swimming Carnival division 1



A cold, blustery start to the day didn't deter our team from setting out to achieve 3 goals.

1. To compete in every event at the carnival (all 82 of them)
2. To stay in division 1
3. To enjoy each others' company and perform like a true team

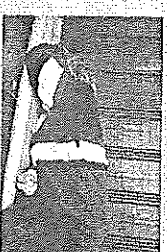
A solid start saw our senior boys and girls medley relay teams finish mid field, with Jackie Midson setting the tone by stepping up to compete in the senior race swimming butterfly. Then our junior teams showed a glimpse of what was to come, with both teams finishing 3rd. The early pace setters were going to be the powerful Riverside and Scottsdale High Schools.

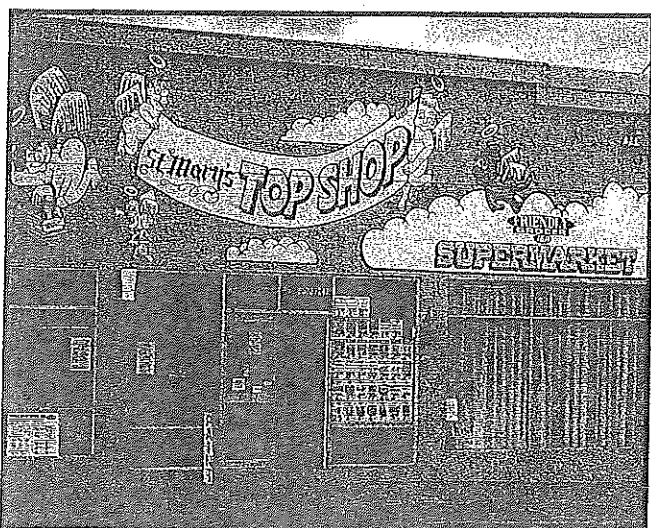
The smallest, but most enthusiastic and loudest, cheering team there really started to show the St Marys spirit by placing in many events. Our junior boys were led by Dan Male (6'7) and Max Turner, Trent and Nathan O'Shea (6'8). The girls were inspired by Sophie Bourke (6'7) and Danielle Williams (6'8). Lavence Biring filled a gap in the grade 7 boys butterfly, getting the largest cheer of the day when he made it to the finish of his race.

We were 6'8 behind moving into the double points relays at the end of the day. Students negotiated changes in teams to assist tired students. Swimmers came from everywhere to lend a hand. Some of our senior boys had to be pulled from the showers, being the only warm place in Launceston. Goal 1 achieved.

A new goal was set...to finish as close to Exeter as possible, as they were our closest rivals. A nail biting finish with us 10's clear, achieving goal 2.

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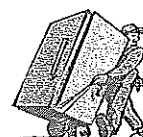
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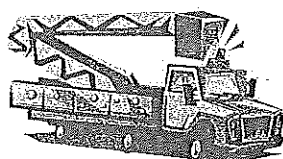
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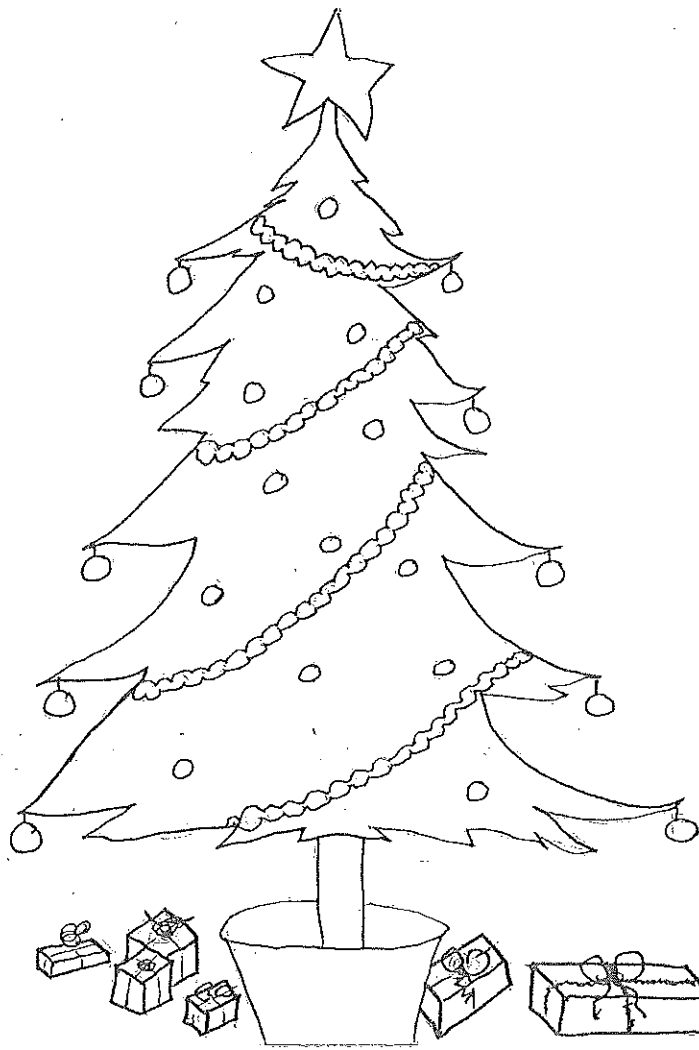
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Sports Centre news by Kackhander

First to Men's Pennant, and another solid win came at Freycinet last week, 7-2. Although the team expected to win, it was pleasing that there is strong support each week, and with no trouble getting a team to play.

Welcome to another new player with us and who recorded his first win. Well done Gary Donovan. Another new player, Col Payne, went oh so close to snaffling a win also, and I expect it won't be too far away for him. Bad luck Mark Carrick, finding the water at the 19th hole. Good shot, just unlucky.

The winners were Dale Ridgers, Jack Viney, John Miles (having a great season) Rod McGiveron, Mark Birch (crook with flu) and Brent Leedham (new Clubs), along with Gary.

A big one this week against Bicheno at St Marys, particularly now St Helens have been beaten. It's going to be down to tight games in May and early June, on who wins this year.

There's a possibility the Mother's Day break will be extended because of an error on the ratified roster, so we'll watch that in the next week or two. This is also set down for the Men's Foursomes Championships, with details at the club. Col Payne took out the stroke and putting last week, with a good 66 nett and 31 putts.

The ladies played the Foursomes Championship last week in horrible weather. Congratulations to Bobbie Harwood and Beth Haas in the gross, and to Liz Clayton - Norma Mallinson in the nett event. All of you need medals for playing in those conditions!

This upcoming Saturday is a Members Stableford event, commencing about 11 am. On Sunday it's pennant, versus Bicheno, here at St Marys.

While still on golf, a big congratulations must go to Jack, Trevor and Damon Viney, for the fantastic work to the golf course, in the past few weeks. Without a doubt, the course was terrific, and a joy to play on recently. Thanks heaps fellas.

Macca is rejigging the roster in the next couple of weeks, to try and accommodate some new events. So just watch this space for dates and times. Thanks Glenn and crew.

New bowls President, Jim Rankin, wishes to hold a meeting of all bowlers this Friday night, to sort out a few things for the host club season. Please attend if possible at 7pm.

Thanks to all attending the Good Friday game of golf and Fish Feast afternoon. Once again it proved very successful, and money raised by Macca, Trev, Roger and the crew will go a long way to buying the new cups, poles and flags for the course. The tucker was great and everyone who attended enjoyed the event.

Now for some not so good news. Our very popular bar steward, Mary-Anne Coleman is moving on, and is taking on a new job, which means she won't be able to work at the club as often as she has been. Thanks Mary-Anne, for doing such a great job, and for making it a good place to be. Best of luck to you.

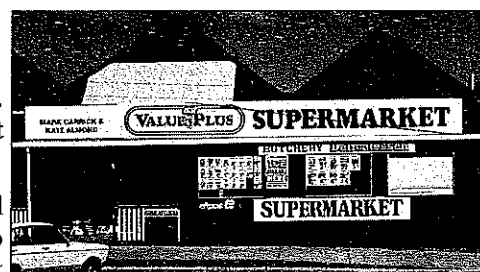
With this in mind the club is now seeking expressions of interest from anyone who might like to try their hand at bar duties, on a need to work basis. RSA training is required by the club. If you wish to investigate this, or find out more, please contact Jack on 6372 2608 as the bar manager, or any committee person for more details by Sunday, May 14th if possible. A short written expression would be an advantage.

The date for the 2006 AGM should be finalised by the next issue of the Valley Voice, so keep an eye out for that.

Don't forget if you are new in town, and you want to investigate membership, just pop over one night or contact the Secretary on 6372 2215 for details.

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